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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : Sparks, Adrian
Serial No. : 09/745,890
Filed : December 21, 2000
For : Load Sharing Nodes in a Network Utilising Shared Optical Protection
Examiner : Tran, Dzung D.
Art Unit : 2613
Customer number : 23644

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 13, 2006

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks

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Dear Sir:

Applicants file herewith a full response to the Final Office Action mailed July 13, 2006 in connection with the above referenced application.